

NDM

Questions and Answers

Q. What is the Non-fat Dry Milk (NDM) Program?

A. It is a livestock feed drought assistance program initiated by the USDA. The USDA has identifying qualifying states and counties based on the Palmer Drought Monitor (<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>). Utah is one of several Western states that qualified for the program based on exceptional drought conditions in several counties.

Q. Who is eligible to receive Non-fat Dry milk.

A. Owners of foundation beef (cow-calf) cattle, buffalo, sheep and goats in 10 USDA designated counties in Utah. (Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Rich, San Juan, Summit, and Washington.

Q. How much am I eligible to receive

A. Your allotment is based on a formula created by the USDA that provides: two pounds per day for 30 days for cattle and buffalo, minus 25%. For sheep and goat the formula is: ½ pound per day for 30 days minus 25%.

Q. When do I know how much I will be receiving.

A. The UDAF is currently mailing instructions and VOUCHERS to qualified livestock owners. The VOUCHERS designates how much NDM you are eligible to receive. Also included is a list of qualified feed dealers, manufacturers and feedlot operators that have been approved by USDA to participate with the Utah program.

Q. What are my choices regarding accepting or selling my NDM.

A. If you wish to trade or sell your NDM, please contact one of the qualified feed dealers, manufacturers in your area. Click here to [view a list](#) of qualified dealers or manufacturers.

Q. How important is the VOUCHER?

A. The VOUCHER has value, DO NOT lose it. You must present the original VOUCHER to one of the qualified participants to barter or trade your product. The feed dealer or feedlot operator will then be required to provide proof of receiving the VOUCHER to the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food before they can place a delivery order with USDA. The NDM can only be delivered in full truckloads of about 750 bags.

If you are an approved foundation livestock herd owner and participant, you have three options at this point.

- (a) You may choose to decline receiving your allocation of the NDM; or
- (b) You may choose to receive the allocation and utilize it within your own feeding operation, or
- (c) You may choose to trade or sell your allocation to one of the **approved** participants on the attached list.

If you choose option (a) to decline your NDM, simply call us at 801-538-7103 and we will allocate your share of NDM to another livestock producer.

If you choose option (b) to take your allocation, you must be a large enough producer to qualify to receive a full truck load (750 bags) or combine with a group of producers in your area to make up enough for a full truck load. This is different than the last years program, due to the fact there is a \$275 charge for each truckload, and one producer must be willing to sign the Restricted Use Sales Agreement and be responsible for the payment, order and delivery of the load. If you choose this option, you will be required to notify the department as to who you will be combining with to fill a truck load and receive instructions

from the department on the ordering procedures. You will be required to fax the applicable vouchers back to UDAF Fax number 801-538-7126 for verification.

If you need assistance in putting together a full truckload, you may call our office and we can give you names of other producers in your area to contact.

If you choose option (C) to trade or sell your NDM, you need to sign over the voucher to the approved feed dealer or feedlot operator by filling out lines (3) and (4) of the voucher. The new owner of your voucher will then fill out lines (5), (6), and (7). After you sign over the voucher, give the entire document to the new owner. The new owner will mail or FAX the bottom portion to the UDAF by the November 15th deadline, and the department will approve NDM Orders for the approved company.

If you are a feed manufacturer/dealer or feedlot operator trading for, or buying a voucher, you must fill out lines (5), (6), and (7) of the voucher and fax or mail it back to the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food no later than **November 15, 2004**. The department will validate receipt of the vouchers and give approval for placing NDM orders with USDA. The NDM can only be delivered in full truckloads of about 750 bags. USDA has announced that this program will terminate on December 31, 2004.

Please call (801) 538-7102 or 7103 if you have questions or need assistance.

To read more about the USDA NDM program visit the Dry Milk Program page at: www.ag.utah.gov/

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